

Town Topics

JULY 2008

WELCOME EVERYONE TO SUMMER!! Now – if it would dry out!. I commend everyone that worked so hard to have a nice Memorial Day Observance. And all of those that went to the cemeteries to put out flags. Summer brings out the bicycles, so everyone take extra caution when coming out of your driveways. In May the town islands had meetings to discuss sewer and water coming into certain neighborhoods. This is a process of the Boundary Line Agreement and the DNR- 208 Water Plan. If citizens have any questions, please give me a call to discuss this issue. A reminder to have your septic tanks pumped regularly and maintained to last as long as possible, because Town Of Turtle, would like to retain all our citizens. The town is working with citizens and the City of Beloit to only have septic come in for the needed area.

Yesterday a classmate of mine (Rebecca Shaw, who grew up right across the railroad tracks from the Tiffany Mill, and now lives in Mobile, Alabama) reminisced about our old classmates, and what they are doing. Rebecca made the comment, “We really have a great community here, and you don’t realize it while growing up. But, you do realize it after you’ve moved away.” So as we go through our daily lives with negative situations, like annexation, rain and flooding, we can work problems out by working together. Always remember what Rebecca said, “We have a great community”. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fourth of July Celebration on June 28 and 29th. – Dan DeLong, Chairman

VOLUME 1 DVD - The Town of Turtle Memories, Vol 1 DVD's were sold out but since re-ordered and again ready for sale by calling Clerk Deb Bennett at 362-0655 or Historical Committee Chair, Joyce Splan at 365-5063. The upcoming Vol. 2 will soon be available and this time people in the Hazelwood area, Durst Corp. and Churches will be talking. These DVD's are memories of people just like you and your parents, talking together about memories that were made in and around the Town of Turtle. Things that happened “back when” that now affect our present. You can now enjoy those same treasured memories in your own time and place.

IT'S FUN TIME WITH THE TOWN OF TURTLE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION – JUNE 28 AND 29TH

This is truly a family event. There is something for everyone. On June 27th from 8:00 p.m. until midnight the Shopiere Bar and Grill will be hosting the Stateline Playboys. Then on Saturday there is fishing, along with the Softball Tourney Saturday and Sunday.. Truck and Tractor Pulls on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be exciting midway rides for the little guys too, on

both days. Garden Tractors Pulls will be on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Don't worry about food., there will be beverage

and food vendors in the park. And don't forget the Sunday noon parade. Who doesn't like a parade? Back by popular demand is the Combine Derby at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Combines aren't only for field work – they're great in this Derby setting. All will be highlighted by the Sunday evening Fireworks display at dusk. Don't forget the Quilt Raffle. There will also be 5K Run at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and the Sunday Auction at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions contact Melissa Haseman at 365-6112. Com and meet up with old and new friends. Have a safe and fun filled celebration.. – Melissa Haseman

FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPT. - The time has arrived when our crew will be on the road sides, ditch mowing and doing brush work. We are asking you to please be extremely cautious and considerate of our crew. Safety is a great concern. Also the roads scheduled for re-mat are Buss Road, from County J to the Durst Corp., Colley Road by the Gun Club to Willowbrook Rd, and South Turtle-Townhall Road from Colley to State Road 67. You may need to allow more time for traveling to destinations through the summer. Please remember to drive safely and courteously. If you should have any concerns or questions feel free to call the Highway Dept. at 289-4571. – Mike Birkholz, Highway Dept. Supervisor.

FROM THE POLICE DEPT. – The department has responded to several calls for people's social security number that has been used by thieves attempting to apply for credit in someone else's name. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. Identity thieves can use your number and your good credit to apply for more credit in your name. Then they use the credit cards and do not pay the bills. You may not find that this is happening to you until you are turned down for credit or you begin to get calls from unknown creditors demanding payments. You should be careful about sharing your number – even when you're asked for it. You should ask why your number is needed, how it will be used and what will happen if you refuse. The answers to these questions can help you decide if you want to give your information. Thieves get your personal information by stealing wallets, purses and your mail (bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, new checks and tax information). Stealing personal information from unsecured internet, rummaging through your trash, the trash business, and public trash dumps; posing by phone or e-mail as someone who legitimately need information. The federal government has a website with valuable information (www.socialsecurity.gov). Also you can call them at toll-free a number 1-800-772-1213. Be wise and be safe. - Rich LeFeber, Police Chief.

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RECYCLING INFORMATION: Do you use oil for deep frying? So often we have those deep fryers going on summer patios for that good fish fry and turkey fries, etc. We'll bring your used deep frying cooking oil to Manic Racing Auto Repair, 3120 So. Riverside Drive, Beloit for recycling. Bring your cooking oil in a leak proof container (such as a screw-on top milk jug). Collection will be on week days, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4:30 pm and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. – Deb Bennett, Recycling

Calender of Events and Meetings - All meetings are conducted in the Town of Turtle Community Center. – Questions call 362-0166

June 28 & 29 – 4th of July Celebration

July 2, 2008 – Court at 6:00 p.m.

- Safety Committee 7:00 p.m.

July 9, 2008 – Town Board Meet 7:00 p.m.

July 16, 2008 – Planning Committee 7:00 pm.

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✓ Town Clerk Deb Bennett encourages everyone who has not yet registered to vote in the new system, to please try and register **before** election day. You will save lines and wait time for everyone. If you recently turned 18 or if you are new to the town, you need to register. Not sure if you are already registered? Please contact Deb at the office and she'll check for you. 362-0655